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Title: Catheter-Based Fastener Implantation Apparatus and Methods

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Response responds to the Office Action mailed August 17, 2004, for which a shortened one month response period was set.

An automation five month extension of time, up to and including February 17, 2005, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: